

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

The **New England Narcotic Enforcement Officers' Association** (New England NEOA) in collaboration with the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), and the New England Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, will host their **31st Annual Spring Training Conference and Awards Banquet, May 30, 31, and June 1, 2001**, at the Sheraton Hyannis Resort in Hyannis, MA. Other sponsors include the United States Attorney, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council.

The objective of this training conference is to provide law enforcement and prosecutorial professionals with up-to-the-minute information regarding drug-related issues challenging public safety in New England. For details regarding topic areas and invited speakers, please visit the New England NEOA website at <http://www.newenglandneoa.org>. For further information or to register, contact: Linda E. Abely, New England State Police Information Network, 124 Grove Street, Suite 305, Franklin, MA 02038. Ms. Abely may also be reached at 1-800-343-5682 x201 or via e-mail at labeled@nespin.riss.net.

Coming Soon Two funding opportunities from the EOPS Programs Division will be available during the next few weeks. 1.) Application kits for the **Bullying Prevention Program (BPP)** will be available by **Friday, May 18, 2001**. This program is designed to reduce and prevent schools' bully/victim problems among primary and secondary school children. For the 2000-2001 school year, six communities implemented the BPP, and will continue the program for a second year. The Commonwealth has allocated \$1 million of Byrne Program funds to support this program in 10 additional cities and towns during 2001-2002 school year. 2.) A second funding opportunity will be available by **June 1, 2001**. **New Horizons for Youth** focuses on youth development in order to prevent delinquency. By collaborating with schools, youth organizations, government officials, businesses, civic groups, parents, and churches, public safety personnel can develop after-school programs for building the confidence, abilities, and skills of middle-school students.

We Are the Bridge: Addressing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Immigrant and Refugee Communities This Immigrant and Refugee Conference, sponsored by Jane Doe Inc., will be held on **June 13, 2001**, at the Curry Student Center, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. The registration deadline is June 6, 2001. For further information please contact:

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14 Beacon Street, Suite 507
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The **New England Community Policing Partnership (NECP²)** will host their **9th Annual Community Policing Symposium "Communities Beyond 2001," June 19, 20, & 21, 2001**, at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. The symposium will feature five tracks: Management, Technology, Community, Campus/Schools and Back to Basics. Author of Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call to Action Against TV Movie, and Video Game Violence, Lt. Col. David Grossman, will provide a keynote presentation. For further information or to register, contact: Ms. Linda Lane, Executive Secretary, New England Community Policing Partnership, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Box 1803, Manchester, NH 03102. Ms. Lane may also be reached at 603-641-7070 or via e-mail at necp2@aol.com

Funding Opportunities

From the Federal Government

Cops in Schools (CIS) http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/gpa/grant_prog/cis/cis_appkit.htm

CIS provides direct grants to agencies and jurisdictions to hire or rehire additional new school resource officers to be deployed in and around schools as part of an overall plan to build working relationships with schools and use community policing to combat school violence. The COPS office requires that the officers deployed in the School Resource Officer position(s) spend a minimum of 75% of their time in and around schools working on youth-related activities.

Application Deadline: May 11, 2001 and June 15, 2001. Applicants applying for the first deadline (May 11, 2001) will be given priority consideration for FY2001 funding.

Eligibility Requirements: All state, local, tribal, and public law enforcement agencies, as well as jurisdictions serving special populations (e.g., transit, university, public housing, schools, and natural resources) are eligible to apply. In addition, jurisdictions wishing to establish, or reinstate, police agencies are eligible to apply under this program.

Maximum Award Amount: \$125,000 per officer for a three-year period.

Grant Period: Three years

"Targeted Expansion Program" <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's [SAMHSA's] Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for its Targeted Expansion Program. The juvenile justice component is designed to increase mental health treatment service capacity, enhance partnerships between child-serving agencies and providers, and allow for outreach to relevant stakeholders. The target population includes children at any of the following points of involvement in the juvenile justice system such as diversion for status offenders or postarrest, preadjudicated youth, postadjudicated children in placement, children on probation, youth under aftercare supervision, juvenile justice youth in community settings, and youth transitioning out of the juvenile justice system who are in independent living arrangements.

Application Deadline: May 21, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: Local governmental units and their agencies and tribal governments are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: The average award is expected to be \$400,000 annually for 3 years.

"Community Gun Violence Prosecution Program" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/html/cgvpp.htm>

The goals of this program are three-fold. (1) To allocate resources directly to chief prosecutors in order for them to assign assistant prosecutors who are dedicated to the prosecution agencies, (2) to improve the long-term ability of prosecution agencies to more fully address the issues of firearm-related violent crime within their jurisdictions, and (3) to deter fire-arm related violent crime through the swift certainty of prosecution.

Application Deadline: Registration opens on May 13, 2001. Applications will be accepted beginning June 13, 2001 through July 20, 2001, **and can only be submitted through OJP's GMS registration.**

Eligibility Requirements: State, county, city, and tribal public prosecutors offices, including the state attorney general office.

Maximum Award Amount: Resources under this program are intended to cover 80% of the salary and benefit costs of full-time prosecutors, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per year per prosecutor. Applicants serving populations smaller than 150,000 may request funding for one or two prosecutors. Applicants serving populations over 150,000 may request funding for three or four prosecutors.

Number of Awards Made: Dependent on number of applications received.

Grant Period: Three years.

"Drug-Free Communities Support Program" <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/drugfree/fy2001app.pdf>

The program has two major goals: 1) to reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, among adults by addressing the factors in a community that serve to increase the risk of substance abuse and the factors that serve to minimize the risk of substance abuse; 2) to establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, federal, state, and tribal governments, and private nonprofit agencies to support community coalition efforts to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2001. Prior to application submission, the applicant must submit a letter to apply for this grant to the Alcohol and Drug State Authority.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are invited from eligible public and private agencies, organizations, institutions, individuals, or combinations thereof. Priority consideration will be given to rural communities with populations of 30,000 or less.

Maximum Award Amount: 140 grants of up to \$100,000.

Length of Award: The project will be funded for a 12-month project period. Funding after the initial 12-month period depends on grantee performance, availability of funds, and other criteria established at the time of award.

From Private Foundations

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** announces the funding initiative **"Reclaiming Futures: Building Community Solutions to Substance Abuse and Delinquency."** <http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/CFP.pdf> This initiative is designed to build community solutions to substance abuse and delinquency by developing the systems infrastructure necessary to deliver comprehensive care within the juvenile justice system. To accomplish this, a partnership encompassing the juvenile justice system, substance abuse treatment systems, and a range of youth and family support services will be necessary in each of the participating communities.

Application Deadline: Letters of intent are due on May 18. Full proposals from those invited to apply are due on Aug. 24. Grants will be announced on Jan. 30, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: Each applicant must have a base population of at least 2,000 youth between the ages of 10-18 in their community. Smaller communities are encouraged to partner with neighboring communities to achieve this number. Applicants must also have funding to provide alcohol and illicit drug treatment for at least 40 youth, the minimum number that must be served annually at each site.

Number of Awards Made: 10

Maximum Award Amount: Planning grants of up to \$250,000 each will be awarded. At the completion of the first phase, each of the 10 sites will be eligible for the second phase of four years of implementation funding provided that they meet established benchmarks. Implementation grants will be for up to \$250,000 per year for four years.

Research and Statistics

"Bullying Behaviors Among US Youth: Prevalence and Association With Psychosocial Adjustment" A 1998 survey of 15,686 public and private school students found that 30% of students surveyed reported occasional or frequent involvement as a victim and/or perpetrator in bullying. Overall, 10% of children said they had been bullied by other students, but had not bullied

others. Another 6% said that they had both been bullied themselves and had bullied other children, and 13% of students said they had bullied other students, but had not been bullied themselves. The study also found that children who said they were bullied reported more loneliness and difficulty making friends, while those who did the bullying were more likely to have poor grades and to smoke and drink alcohol. <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/new/releases/bullying.htm>

"Justice by Gender: The Lack of Appropriate Prevention, Diversion and Treatment Alternatives for Girls in the Justice System" Girls under the age of 18 have become the fastest-growing segment of the juvenile-justice population. Among the offenses contributing most to the increase in girls' arrests between 1990 and 1999, are those that have not historically led to arrests, such as curfew and loitering violations, which rose 139%. In 1999, law-enforcement agencies reported 670,800 arrests of girls under age 18, accounting for 27% of the total juvenile arrests made that year. <http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/juvjus/justicebygender.pdf>

"OFF BALANCE: Youth, Race & Crime in the News" Although violent crime by youth in 1998 was at its lowest point in the 25-year history of the National Crime Victimization Survey, 62% of poll respondents felt that juvenile crime was on the increase. Most people have little or no personal experience with juvenile crime since adults commit most of the crime in the nation: adults commit about 89% of all crimes cleared by arrest. <http://www.buildingblocksforyouth.org/media/>

"Female Gangs: A Focus on Research" This report considers the motivations for female gang membership, assesses the delinquency and criminal activity of female gang members, examines the influence of ethnicity and gender norms on female gang behavior, and discusses the long-term consequences of gang membership. Two nationwide surveys of law enforcement agencies conducted in 1996 and 1998, estimated that 11% and 8%, respectively, of all gang members were female. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/186159.pdf>

"The Growth of Youth Gang Problems in the United States: 1970-1998" The number of cities reporting youth gang problems increased nearly tenfold--from less than 300 in the 1970's to more than 2,500 in 1998. The Report's trend and rate analyses are used to project prospects for future gang locality trends. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/181868-1.pdf> and <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/181868-2.pdf>

"National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action" Suicide is the eighth-leading cause of death in the United States. For every two victims of homicide in the U.S., there are three persons who have taken their own lives. <http://www.mentalhealth.org/suicideprevention/>

"The State of America's Children Yearbook 2001" A Children's Defense Fund (CDF) report noted that the state of childhood has improved in some areas: more children are covered by health insurance, and the juvenile crime rate has fallen 23% since 1995. However, only 31% of American 4th-graders read at grade-level. Further, 3 million children were abused or neglected last year, with up to 80% of them involved in alcohol or other drug abuse. Only one in four received treatment. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/release010417.htm>

"Where'd They Get Their Guns?: An Analysis of the Firearms Used in High-Profile Shootings, 1963 to 2001" In the 59 high-profile shootings examined from 1980 onwards:

- A handgun was used in 71 percent of the shootings (42 cases) as the only or primary weapon, while in 29 percent (17 cases) a rifle or shotgun was used as the only or primary weapon.
- The handguns were acquired legally in 62 percent of the handgun shootings (26 cases).
- In the 10 high-profile shootings in America's schools from October 1997 to March 2001, handguns were among the weapons used in nine of the shootings. In eight of the 10 school shootings the guns were obtained from a family member or friend of the shooter. <http://www.vpc.org/graphics/where.pdf>

"Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 1999" Between 1990 and 1999, there was a 14% increase in the number of offenders on community supervision, from 84,801 in 1990 to 96,502 in 1999. During 1999, Federal law enforcement agencies arrested 109,857 offenders for violations of Federal law. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cfjs99.pdf>

Resources

"Domestic Violence Program Contacts at Boston Area Hospitals and Community Health Centers" For a listing of the domestic violence program contacts in Boston area hospitals and community health centers please contact Lisa A. Tieszen at: 617-414-1888.

Recommended Readings on Violence Against Women:

Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence Among South Asian Immigrants in the United States, Margaret Abraham, Rutgers University Press, 2000

Charting New Waters: Responding to Violence Against Women With Disabilities, Video, 35 minutes, with Facilitator's Guide, Terra Nova Films, 1995

Who's to Blame: Child Sexual Abuse and Non-Offending Mothers, Betty Joyce Carter, University of Toronto Press, 1999

"Survey of State Procedures Related to Firearms Sales, Midyear 2000" Provides an overview of the firearm check procedures in each of the States and their interaction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) operated by the FBI. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ssprfs00.pdf>

"The School Zone" A web site where youth can access information on safety issues, citizenship, and crime prevention. Younger children can access arts and crafts and educational games, learn about nature, and view live animal videos. A library designed for teenagers features information on such topics as alcohol and drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, labor laws, and teen pregnancy. Teachers may access resources and activities designed to educate and guide youth, including lesson plans and other classroom-related materials. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/prevent/schoolzone/>

"Office of Justice Programs Annual Report Fiscal Year 1999" Since 1984 the Office of Justice Programs has provided federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems, increase knowledge about crime and related issues, and assist crime victims. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/annualreport/>

"Office of Justice Programs Resource Guide (3rd Edition)" The OJP Resource Guide is a quick and easy "road map" describing OJP grant programs, training, and other assistance. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/resguide/>

"Early Identification of Risk Factors for Parental Abduction." This report provides information regarding the risk factors associated with parental kidnapping and strategies that can be used to intervene with families at greatest risk. Discussed are critical factors such as the characteristics of parents who abduct their own children, the role family violence plays in increasing the likelihood of parental abduction, ways of identifying children at risk of being abducted, and steps that can be taken to protect children from family abduction. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/185026.pdf>

"Promising Practices: Drug-Free Communities Support Program." This report highlights the variety of innovative strategies that these coalitions use to support their communities in their efforts to become drug free. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200111.pdf>

"The National Center on Child Fatality Review." An estimated 2,000 children die each year as the result of child abuse and neglect. The National Center on Child Fatality Review assists the field in collecting full and accurate information to support their child fatality investigations. This report describes the Center, which functions as a national clearinghouse, collecting and disseminating information and resources to teams across the country that review child fatalities. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200112.pdf>

"Youth for Justice." Youth for Justice uses active learning to teach youth practical information about the law while addressing the risks associated with being young in America today. Law-related education engages youth of all ages in the process of learning about the foundations of justice, freedom, and responsibility. It teaches them ways that they can practice good citizenship and contribute to their communities. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/186161.pdf>

"The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center Online" The Center offers technical assistance, training, and evaluation information and assistance to juvenile justice professionals involved in assessing program effectiveness. <http://www.jrsa.org/jjec/>

"Children's Exposure to Violence: The Safe Start Initiative" The Safe Start Initiative is designed to prevent and reduce the impact of violence on young children and their families through the development of comprehensive and collaborative service delivery systems. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200113.pdf>

"An Overview of the JAIBG Program." The Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) program is designed to promote greater accountability among youth involved in the juvenile justice system. To that end, the program provides financial and programmatic support to improve the infrastructure and operations of the juvenile justice system at the State and local levels. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200109.pdf>

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